

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request 17

Date of Meeting: June 14, 2005

Date Submitted: June 8, 2005

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Vincent Long, Assistant County Administrator

Subject: Ratification of the May 24, 2005 Workshop on Leon County Jail Population Management and Request to Schedule a Follow-up Jail Population Management Workshop for Tuesday, August 30, 2005 from 12:00 -- 1:30 p.m.

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks Board ratification of the May 24, 2005 Leon County Jail Population Management Workshop of May 24, 2005 and requests Board approval to schedule a follow-up workshop on Jail Population Management for Tuesday, August 30, 2005 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm.

Background:

On May 15, 2001, the Board conducted the Preliminary Action Plan, Jail Population Management Workshop to discuss issues surrounding jail population management with staff from the offices of the Leon County Sheriff, Public Defender, State Attorney, and Courts. During this workshop, the Board approved a Jail Population Preliminary Action Plan that included the establishment of the Leon County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC), as outlined in Section 951.26, Florida Statutes, to annually report to the Board about the issue surrounding jail population management.

During the Board's December 13, 2004 Annual Retreat, the Board established the Leon County Jail Population Management Issues as one of the top priorities for 2005. At that time, the Board requested staff bring back a report on a number of issues relating to the jail population, including:

- Review of Jail's Medical Services Contract
- Review of Jail's Mental Health Services/Protocols
- Evaluation of Jail's Staffing Levels
- Evaluation of Recent Jail Deaths
- Review of Vocational and other Programs available to inmates
- Review of Jail Farm Work Programs
- Review of 1999 Dr. Dina Rose Study, "Drugs, Incarceration and Neighborhood Life: The Impact of Reintegrating Offenders into the Community,"
- Update on Crime Rates in Leon County

On May 24, 2005, the Board conducted a Leon County Jail Population Management workshop where staff presented the PSCC 2004 Annual Report, with recommendations, as well as, an analysis of all of the other jail population issues, as requested by the Board.

Analysis:

After considerable discussion, the Board accepted the PSCC 2004 Annual Report, including the authorization of a three-month pilot program to monitor the alcohol intake of certain pre-trial release defendants. Existing funds from the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Inmate Trust Fund will be utilized to lease five Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM) devices for the pilot program.

Due to the limited time of the workshop, the Board directed staff to schedule a follow-up workshop to continue the discussion on several of jail-related issues, including: violators of probation (VOPs), feasibility of jail farms; and, reimbursement of probation work camp fees owed to the County. In addition, the Board directed staff to draft an agenda item regarding the Jail's medical services provider and a review of inmate deaths at the Jail. To accommodate a June 28, 2005 follow-up workshop, the Board rescheduled the Workshop on Economic Development/Innovation Park from June 28, 2005 to Tuesday, September 13, 2005 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm.

However, staff received a letter from Sheriff Campbell stating that he would be unable to attend a June 28, 2005 follow-up workshop and requested the Board reschedule (Attachment #1). Staff recommends that the follow-up workshop be scheduled for August 30, 2005.

Options:

1. Ratify Board actions taken at the May 24, 2005 Workshop on Leon County Jail Population Management.
2. Schedule the follow-up workshop on Leon County Jail Population Management for August 30, 2005, from 12:00 - 1:30 pm.
3. Do not schedule the follow-up workshop on Leon County Jail Population Management at this time.
4. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment:

1. Letter from Sheriff Campbell

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